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In re Application of: Lee et al.
Application No.: 10/734,241
Filed: 12/15/2003
For: NANOPOROUS MEMBRANE
IMMUNOSENSOR

Examiner: Counts, Gary
Group Art Unit: 1641

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed on 05/17/2004.

The Action referred to Claims 1-16 and the pursuant discussion concerned Claims 1-16. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner reviewed the parent application without the Preliminary Amendment. This application is a divisional of 09/614,727. Therefore, the Preliminary Amendment, which was submitted at the time of filing, had a separate listing of claims. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is attached. The current application, pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment, concerns Claims 15, 16, and 26-45. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended by the Preliminary Amendment and Claims 26-45 have been added as new by the Preliminary Amendment.

In an attempt to expeditiously resolve this matter, Applicants attempted to reach the Examiner by phone.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

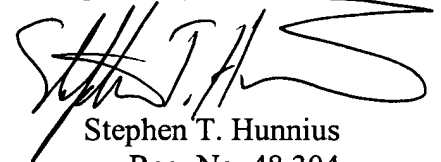
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In the furtherance of compact prosecution, if a personal or telephone interview would help expedite matters, the Examiner is requested to contact Steve Hunnius at 202-404-1558.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0281.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen T. Hunnius', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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